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Column One
By David Courtney

A NATIONAL government should be a good thing just now. The economic emergency compels a unified effort and may have other emergencies piled on top of it before 1953 has travelled far. Whatever the moral success booked by Israel at U.N. the logic of the General Assembly vote leaves no room for congratulation or complacency. To be sure, France voted against the Philippine resolution on Jerusalem and Belgium abstained, when a year ago both delegations would have been tempted to support such proposals. But the fact remains that the main resolution, setting out practical steps towards peace between Israel and the Arab States, failed. Its failure leaves Israel no worse off than she was at the beginning of the Assembly; and some comfort may be got from the fact that the unsuccessful resolution was not presented at Israel's initiative. But the prospects for peace are worse. They are worse because it is clear that the western Powers are unwilling at this stage to press hard within their spheres of U.N. influence to force the Arabs to end a situation which is bad for Israel, cannot be good for the Arab States, and is dangerous regionally. What has happened at U.N. must encourage Arab obstinacy.

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THE Government of Israel intends on its own, or perhaps with the mediatory help of one or more of the western Powers, to try to bring about what the sponsors of the U.N. resolution had hoped to bring about. It cannot feel optimistic concerning the chances. But the attempt, which should be imaginative and courageous, and the possible consequences of failure, both need a united nation and a united parliament. For, whilst Israel must continue to believe in a peaceful settlement, she must be ready for the alternative, which may not always be mere deadlock. It is obvious that the Middle East, vital always in the considerations of the two world antagonisms, is moving nearer to the centre of the world dispute. If Prague and the Soviet attitude at U.N. have shown an intensification of the eastern bloc's competitive zeal among the Arab States, there is also evidence of intensifying zeal in the same direction by some of the western powers.

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NATURALLY, the policy likely to be followed by General Eisenhower when he takes office next month, and by his Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, can only be guessed at. But there have been leakages enough to provide some outline of probabilities. It is believed that General Bradley, who was present at the consultations in the cruiser Helena, set out a new policy, said to have the support of the Defence Department, which has as one main object the speeding up of the cold war in the Near and Middle East "with a view to distracting Russian attention from Korea and China to her Balkan defences." To begin with, the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Defence Department want the Persian problem settled. That done, the process of working up the cold war in this area could be got on with; and the Russian be provoked into transferring his interest to the Middle East and, no doubt, something more solid than interest. It may be very good policy; but for those who dwell in the Middle East it may be extremely uncomfortable policy.

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THERE is evidence already that the Soviet and its East European allies are nervous about their Balkan position. If they have not taken the electioneering utterances of Mr. Dulles too seriously, they have not been minded to ignore them. Exceptional defensive measures are said to be in progress throughout Bulgaria and Rumania, and even in Czechoslovakia there is something like a siege atmosphere. American reports say that Moscow has ordered concentration on internal security even at the cost of external subversiveness. Mr. Dulles may think that a good thing, just as General Bradley apparently thinks it a good thing to use the Near and Middle East as a major instrument in the cold war. In any case, cold war or not, cool heads are needed, especially in Israel.

Jerusalem, December 22.

SCHACHT ENDS SYRIAN TALKS

ROME, Sunday. — Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's Finance Minister, arrived here by air today on his way home from Syria. He refused to discuss the week's consultations he had had with the Syrian government on fiscal and economic problems.

Before he left Damascus, he was the guest of honour at a dinner attended by Colonel Shishakly, Syrian C-in-C and Vice-Premier.

Schacht told Syrian officials that their nation had great potentials in agriculture and industry but he emphasized the need for intensive cultivation, development of transport and the establishment of a national bank.

(AP, UP)

France Believes Morocco Reforms Aid Home Rule

RABAT, Sunday. — General Augustin Guillaume, French Resident-General in Morocco, declared last night that the French Government firmly believes the reform programme must accomplish home rule, whatever the difficulties.

Gen. Guillaume flew in from Paris after a week of conferences with the Government. He said: "The Government unanimously approved the measures I ordered to maintain order in the protectorate."

Meanwhile, in Marrackesh, 40 merchants, who closed their shops in defiance of the French ban on the nationalist strike of December 8, each paid fines of 10,000 francs ($29) and received suspended three-month jail sentences.

SIGNATURE 'VOID'

TUNIS, Sunday (UP). — The powerful nationalist Neo-Destour Party today announced it would hold the Bey's signature of the two French-sponsored decrees as null and void. The party said, "The people's struggle shall continue so long as its legitimate aspirations have not been satisfied."

Tunis police today reported the arrest of four Tunisians for allegedly having murdered a French special security guard last December 4 in Gafsa. Police said they are still investigating the attack since the arrested men are believed to be only unimportant accomplices. Their names were not revealed.

France on Brink Of Government Crisis

PARIS, Sunday (UP). — The French government tonight hung by a slender thread as National Assembly Deputies pondered whether to vote for or against Premier Antoine Pinay in tomorrow's two confidence tests on the national budget.

France stands on the brink of a government crisis over the same issue that toppled most of M. Pinay's 16 post-war predecessors — the budget. In this case M. Pinay is fighting for approval of the right to decree tax reforms and slash proposed increases of family allowances to balance the record budget of 594,000m. francs.

In either of the two confidence votes only two or three defections among the ranks of the delicate Pinay coalition would be sufficient to provide the 314-vote absolute majority required by the Constitution to defeat a government on a confidence issue. Voting is expected to take place tomorrow evening.

ARABS PROTEST ISRAEL RELATIONS WITH JAPAN

The Arab League has protested to Japan against talks reportedly due to begin between the Japanese government and the newly-arrived Israel Minister to Tokyo, Mr. Joseph Linton.

The protest, according to Cairo Radio, said that grave damage could occur to the Arab states by successful Japanese-Israel negotiations and that Arab relations with Japan might be seriously disturbed.

The League's Political Committee was today continuing its discussions in Cairo on Palestine, Tunis and Morocco. It is thought that no decision will be forthcoming on the first item until after the return of the Arab U.N. delegates.

U.N. to Debate P.o.W. Shootings In Korea

NEW YORK, Sunday. — The U.N. Steering Committee, in an emergency session today agreed unanimously to recommend a full-scale airing of the Soviet Union's charges that U.S. troops have butchered Communist prisoners of war on Pongam Island in Korea.

The U.S. said it would welcome the debate so that the Assembly could dismiss the charges immediately as "false, slanderous and defamatory."

Debate in the Assembly was expected to start later today or tomorrow.

Britain's Sir Gladwyn Jebb predicted the Soviet charges would prove a "propaganda boomerang" to the Kremlin. Mr. Philip Jessup, U.S., said that in the first place there were no prisoners on Pongam — where 84 rioters were killed. He said the rioters were die-hard South Korean civilian internees.

Charge 'Mass Killings'

The Soviet complaint referred to "mass killings" of Korean and Chinese prisoners of war on Pongam Island. Mr. Gromyko, Deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, has tabled a resolution condemning the "criminal action of the American authorities in Korea which violates the elementary principles of humanity and human morality and violates international law." It said the U.N. should take "urgent measures to put an end to such butchery and prosecute those guilty of these crimes."

The Soviet move came unexpectedly on the eve of what was to have been the last meeting of the Assembly prior to its adjournment until February 24. It is thought to be an attempt to revive a full-scale debate on the whole Korean issue.

The remaining issues on the agenda include disarmament, control of atomic energy and the Soviet "package peace plan."

(AP, Reuter)

Will Respect Geneva Convention — Clark

TOKYO, Saturday (AFP).—The U.N. Command has in the past and will continue to respect the principles of the Geneva Convention on war prisoners, General Mark Clark, Supreme U.N. Commander in Korea, declared today.

He was referring to the publication of a statement by the International Red Cross stating that his Command did not always comply with certain of the convention's clauses.

The General said the Unified Command will continue to treat war prisoners decently and humanely but expects prisoners similarly to comply with the provisions of the Convention. He added that his Command will not tolerate terrorism, riots or mutinies inspired by fanatical Communist leaders, and will take adequate steps to prevent a general rebellion of the internees.

'Palestine Question' Off Assembly Agenda

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—The "Palestine Item" was today removed in its entirety from the Agenda of the U.N. General Assembly by 47 votes to 5, with 7 abstentions.

The Arab states and the Soviet bloc abstained.

U.N. Mediation Stalled In Mid-East—Eban

WASHINGTON, Sunday (AP). — Israel's Ambassador Abba Eban made a bid today for direct negotiations with the Arab states, saying that U.N. mediation had stalled.

"Israel and the Arab states are now left alone to develop their own agreements on their own relationship," Mr. Eban said in a CBS radio broadcast. He denied the charge recently made by Lebanese Minister Charles Malik that the danger in the Middle East is the threat of aggression from Israel.

"It is we who offer non-aggression pacts," Mr. Eban said, "it is the Arab states who refuse."

Assembly Vote Welcomed By Gov't Spokesman

Commenting on the fact that the proposed resolution on Israel-Arab talks failed to get the required two-thirds majority in the U.N. General Assembly, the Foreign Ministry spokesman stated in Jerusalem yesterday: "the decision was exactly as we wanted to have it."

Asked to elaborate on the point, the spokesman said that Israel had objected at first to any discussion and any decision on the issue and it was the Arabs who had pressed for it. "We entered the debate in response to the Arab initiative. Naturally, after that, we wanted it to come to conclusions. It can be said that the final results are exactly what we wanted, namely that no decisions were adopted on the Palestine issue." There were proposals on Jerusalem and the Arab refugee question, but neither was adopted, the spokesman pointed out.

Syrians Fire on Kibbutz Again

An exchange of fire took place yesterday at Kibbutz Tel Katzir, south of Lake Kinneret. The Kibbutz had been fired on last Friday.

Yesterday's incident occurred after Arabs crossed the border and attempted to plough fields which had been sown by the kibbutz. Settlement members twice forced the Arabs to stop ploughing and leave, but they returned under Syrian pressure.

A Syrian soldier, recognizable by his uniform and his weapons, threatened the Arabs and forced them to return to the fields. At the same time, heavy rifle and machine gun fire was directed at the kibbutz from across the border and from Khirbet Tewfik in the demilitarized zone. No one was injured, but all work in the fields was interrupted. Towards evening the firing ceased and U.N. observers arrived at the scene.

The settlers of Tel Katzir, which is situated in the demilitarized area south-east of Lake Kinneret, have cultivated these fields since the War of Independence ended.

The penetration of regular and irregular forces into the demilitarized area constitutes a serious violation of the truce agreements, it was said. A sharp complaint has been lodged with the Mixed Armistice Commission by Israel.

JORDAN CLAIMS ISRAEL ATTACK ON GAZA STRIP

The Old City daily, "A-Diffa," claimed yesterday that a group of armed Jewish soldiers penetrated the Israel-Egyptian armistice lines on Saturday and entered Bet Hanun village in the Gaza strip. The paper alleged that the Jews attacked the village police station and during the exchange of fire, an Arab policeman was seriously injured in the chest.

Death Toll Now 86 In Globemaster Crash

MOSES LAKE (WASHINGTON), Sunday. — The death toll in history's worst air disaster stood to 98 today after two survivors of yesterday's Globemaster crash died in hospital.

The number of survivors was given as 30. Two of these were in a critical condition and may die within hours, according to Major Michael Robinson, Duty Officer at the Larson Air Force base.

An investigation board is meeting to determine the cause of the accident.

The Air Force earlier reported 101 killed. However, several official revisions were necessary while the bodies were removed from the charred wreckage and survivors "walking around under shock" were rounded up. The exaggerated report also came about because some of the passengers listed in the plane's manifest failed to get up in time for the flight yesterday morning.

The worst previous air crash occurred in Britain when an Avro Tudor airliner crashed in Wales on March 13, 1950, killing 80 persons.

(AP, UP)

Israel Rejects Polish Note On Kubovy Recall

A Foreign Ministry spokesman announced in Jerusalem yesterday that the Government has rejected the Polish note of December 8 demanding the recall of the Israel Minister, Dr. A.L. Kubovy, as persona non grata for "abuse of diplomatic privileges."

The Israel reply, handed over by the Israel Legation in Warsaw on Friday, follows:

The Israel Legation presents its compliments to the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and has the honour to inform it that the Government of Israel unequivocally and unreservedly rejects the note of December 8, requesting the recall of the Israel Minister, Dr. Aziz Leon Kubovy, and declaring that he has misused his diplomatic privileges to the prejudice of the Polish People's Republic, without giving the slightest reason for this assumption. The Israel Legation is instructed to state that this allegation is totally unfounded and wholly contrary to the truth.

Second Polish Note

Another Polish note, said by Warsaw Radio to have been sent to the Israel Legation last Friday and accusing it of abuse of diplomatic privilege by sponsoring Zionist activities, was received by the Foreign Ministry yesterday, "Ma'ariv" reports. The note recalls warnings sent to the Legation in September, 1951 and in July and August this year about non-compliance with Polish law.

Truman and Ike Lash Prague Anti-Semitism

NEW YORK, Sunday (AP). — President Truman and President-Elect Eisenhower joined Jewish labour leaders today in condemning the recent Prague purge trial.

In messages to a joint labour rally, attended by 2,500 at Manhattan Centre to protest against Soviet anti-Semitism, both branded the trial as anti-Semitic.

Eleven of the 14 defendants were Jews. They were judged as "Zionist, Trotskyite" enemies of Stalinism. Of the 11 hanged, eight were Jews.

U.S. Apologizes Over Incursion of Jets

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Monnett B. Davis, tendered an official apology to Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett on Thursday over the recent incident when U.S. planes flew over Jerusalem.

In reply to an official Israel protest after the incident Mr. Davis said that the pilots have received explicit instructions not to fly over Israel-held Jerusalem, but had apparently mistaken their route.

Mr. Davis' call on Mr. Sharett was officially described as "routine" by a Foreign Ministry official last week.

Iran Names New Chief Of Nationalized Oil

TEHERAN, Sunday (AP).—Mortezagholi Bayat, former Premier, one-time Senator and several times a Cabinet Minister, has been named Managing Director of the nationalized Iranian Oil Company.

Foreign Minister Hussein Fatemi announced the appointment at a news conference today.

ISRAEL NOMINATED TO U.N. LEGAL BODY

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Israel was nominated yesterday to the 17-nation U.N. Commission on International Criminal Jurisdiction, by the General Assembly President, Mr. Lester Pearson.

Progressives Join Coalition To Be Put to Knesset Today

Ben Gurion Given Mandate

Mr. David Ben Gurion was formally requested by President Ben-Zvi yesterday afternoon to form a new government, following the completion of consultations in Jerusalem between the President and representatives of the 14 political parties in the Knesset.

Operating with almost clock-like precision the various delegations appeared at the President's temporary office in Rehov Ibn Gabirol for their previously arranged appointments. Each group stayed from 15 minutes to a half-hour.

Mapai and the General Zionists had been summoned on Friday. The first to arrive yesterday was Hapoel Hamizrahi at 8:30 in the morning. Meeting reporters afterward, they explained that they had stated their demand for another year's *status quo* regarding the conception of orthodox women, and for a two-trend educational system—one, unified State-controlled, the other religious and to be directed by a representative of the orthodox parties.

Mapam criticized the procedure of holding talks in view of the agreement already reached between Mapai and the General Zionists. They called for the establishment of a workers' coalition, adding that since Mr. Ben Gurion appeared incapable of forming such a government, another Mapai leader should be invited to do so.

Congratulating the President for setting up his office in Jerusalem, the Herut delegates expressed the hope that he would soon move to the Old City. They declared that they would continue to oppose the Government, except on questions of security. The Communists asserted that the new Government would not protect the welfare of the workers and demanded the establishment of one that would.

Noting that they had long advocated a broad coalition, the Progressives reported to the President on their lengthy negotiations with Mapai and more recently with the General Zionists. A declaration that a new government must be based on the principles of the Torah, was made by the Agudat Yisrael delegates. They, too, favoured unified education, but built around orthodox teachings. If that could not be done at present, they said, then the existing trend system should be maintained.

Poalei Agudat Yisrael also favoured a broad coalition but added that it could only enter if its demands on education were met.

Ahdut Avoda Charge

Mr. Ben Gurion was accused by the Ahdut Avoda representatives of "strengthening Mapam" by forming a "rightwing government." They said they would oppose the coalition.

Two of the three Arab parties which backed Mapai in the last government — Agriculture and Development, and Progress and Labour — announced they would do so again. The latter added that it also favoured the proposed electoral law limiting Knesset representation to parties receiving 10 per cent of the vote, since it would result in the Arabs entering Jewish parties. The third group, the Israel Arab Democrats, opposed the proposed electoral reform and reported that they were undecided whether they would back the new coalition.

The final visitors, representing Mizrahi, entered the President's office shortly after one o'clock and left 30 minutes later. They also stressed the need for a two-trend educational system, one orthodoxe and the other secular.

11th Hour Talks With Hapoel Hamizrahi

Last minute efforts were still being made yesterday to get Hapoel Hamizrahi to enter the new coalition, following a decision taken in the afternoon by the Progressive Party to join the government.

Rumours that the presentation of the Cabinet to the Knesset would be postponed for a day proved unfounded, and Mr. Ben Gurion is expected to introduce his new Ministers when the Knesset resumes its session after the Hanukka recess today.

The meeting of the Mapai political committee ended late last night without a final decision on the distribution of portfolios. The Mapai members of the Government are expected to meet this morning, and the question of Dr. Dov Joseph's portfolio will then be settled.

At their meeting in Tel Aviv the Progressive Party Executive voted 13 to nine to enter the coalition. They thus reversed their unanimous decision of last Thursday, in which they had made it clear that their objection was only to the provision in the Mapai-General Zionist agreement providing that parties polling less than ten per cent of the electorate shall be excluded from the Knesset.

Reverse Decision

They reversed their decision yesterday after the major parties in the new coalition had agreed to a compromise according to which the new Government will propose amendments to the election law designed to obviate excessive fragmentation "which obstruct the integration of the Diaspora, a democratic regime and stability." A committee representing all sections of the coalition will negotiate a final formula. The question will be decided by a majority, and if the Progressives are dissatisfied they will be free to vote against the amendment and withdraw from the coalition.

At the same time Hapoel Hamizrahi were presented with a new formula agreed on between Mapai and the General Zionists, designed to meet their wishes on the education problem. The proposal called for the establishment of a mixed orthodox-secular committee to supervise the educational system. Hapoel Hamizrahi did not accept this, however, and Mr. Ben Gurion notified Mr. Moshe Shapiro and Dr. Yosef Burg that another scheme was under study by Mapai's political committee and a group of experts on education. This will be explained this morning to Hapoel Hamizrahi leaders, whose political committee will meet at 11 o'clock to determine its final answer.

The General Zionist executive committee continued its meeting in Tel Aviv yesterday. The final division of their portfolios was deferred until after the return of Mr. Yosef Saphir, one of the nominees for the cabinet, from the United States later in the week. Mr. Israel Rokach will be Minister of the Interior and Mr. Peretz Bernstein Minister of Commerce and Industry, but no decision was taken on the allotment of the Communications and Health portfolios between Mr. Saphir and Mr. Yosef Serlin.

Selection of a new Deputy Speaker to succeed Mr. Serlin was also postponed. Possibilities mentioned yesterday were Messrs. Ya'akov Ilkhov and Nahum Nell.

'Lulu' Hacarmeli, MK, Dead at 61 in J'lem

We regret to announce the death in Jerusalem last night of Mr. Eliahu Hacarmeli, Member of the Knesset, after an operation. He was 61-years old.

Better known to many as Lulu Hacarmeli, he was a familiar figure in Jerusalem. After the Mandate he served on the Advisory Council of the Jerusalem Military Governor, after having taught for a long period at the Tahkemoni School. He was also a member of the Histadrut Executive, and head of its Department for Oriental Communities.

It was in the latter sphere that Mr. Hacarmeli was best known, being one of Mapai's leading experts on Oriental Jews. Both in the Histadrut and in Knesset debates, he was continuously active for their welfare, and was sent to Tunisia and Morocco as special emissary. During the war he spent several weeks in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Born in Haifa

Mr. Hacarmeli was born in Haifa. He had asked to be buried there. He leaves a wife, but had no children.

Our parliamentary correspondent writes:

Mr. Hacarmeli has been absent from the Knesset for many weeks owing to his illness, but he attended the meeting on December 8 to vote for his friend Itzhak Ben-Zvi in the Presidential elections. He told friends that he had postponed a serious operation in order to participate in the election. His sister sat behind him in the hall in attendance on him.

Mr. Hacarmeli was the only representative of the Sephardic community in the Mapai Knesset faction in the first Knesset. He was a back-bencher; his attendance was good and he followed proceedings keenly often interrupting from his seat, but he seldom participated in the debates.

Two Weeks Of Negotiations

At a press conference last night, Mr. Ishar Harari, of the Progressives, gave the following time table of the inter-party negotiations on the new coalition:

December 4: Mapai and the General Zionists contacted each other for the first time to broaden the coalition. This was one day before the Progressive Party Executive approved the decision to enter the outgoing Government.

December 5: The first talks with Mr. Ben Gurion and the General Zionist leaders took place, after the election of President Ben-Zvi.

December 9: Mr. Ben Gurion confidentially told Mr. Pinhas Rosen of the negotiations. He told the Progressive leader of the decision to introduce the ten per cent clause into the election law. Mr. Rosen criticized it as anti-democratic.

December 10: Mapai Political Committee approved in principle agreement with General Zionists.

December 14: Mapai and General Zionists negotiated final agreement containing 10 per cent clause.

December 15: Progressive Party Executive voted against joining the Government, because of that clause.

December 16: Mr. Ben Gurion wrote a personal letter to Mr. Rosen deploring the Progressive Party's decision and appealing to them to enter the Government in the interest of national unity. In his note, Mr. Ben Gurion offered to defer issuing a statement about the ten per cent clause while a committee would study the election law to seek other means of achieving the desired result.

Four Districts Set For Oil Drilling

The division of Israel into four oil districts has been approved by the nine-man Oil Council, which held its first meeting on Thursday, it was learned in Jerusalem last night.

The areas are: the Negev, from Elath to Beersheba; the Coastal Plain to Kfar Vitkin; from Kfar Vitkin to the Lebanese border and Galilee; and the Jordan Valley depression from the Wadi Jiraf south of Ein Hussub to the Dead Sea and from there to the Hulch in the north.

According to the Oil Law the maximum area for which oil prospecting rights can be granted to one applicant in one district is [illegible] dunams. I.e. the total area [illegible] square kilometers.

CAIRO HOLDS KEY, BEN GURION TOLD 'TIMES'

An interview given by Premier Ben Gurion to the "New York Times" chief European correspondent, Mr. Cyrus L. Sulzberger, in Jerusalem last week is reported to have been used by the Arab delegations at the U.N. to influence the voting in the Assembly. It was stated to have caused considerable stir in some of the Catholic countries. The interview, dated December 7, is given here in full as published in the "Times" last Monday.

Prime Minister David Ben Gurion asserted in an interview today that Israel wished to make peace with the Arab world and thus terminate their state of war. He said also that as soon as a settlement could be arranged his Government would be prepared to "start talks" with neighbouring states on regional cooperation, including mutual defence arrangements.

"We are ready every minute for peace," Mr. Ben Gurion said. "More than that, there is a large scope for Jewish-Arab cooperation in this part of the world. There are great possibilities.

"If, for example, the Egyptian Chief of State, General Naguib, is serious about his programme of internal reform and the desire to improve the lot of the fellahin (landless peasants), I doubt if he can do it without us. He cannot depend only upon the German experts he now has.

Area Development

"The entire area must be developed. Syria and Iraq need agricultural development. You cannot plan for regional improvement without using the intelligence and technical abilities of our people. And we want not only peace but cooperation. This is as necessary for us as for our neighbours."

They must overcome their prejudices and their humiliation. The key to the situation is in Cairo. If we have peace with Egypt, the other Arab nations will come around, and in a day but eventually.

Asked what Tel Aviv was prepared to do to foster peace, he said, "We are ready to help settle the Arab refugees both financially and with the help of our experience." He said this would "not under any conditions" include permitting the return of Arab emigrants to Israel.

Asked whether Israel would make any territorial concessions, he replied, "No, there can be no cession of territory, but there could be minor adjustments and exchanges of pieces of land to straighten out the frontier. The Arabs do not suffer from any lack of [illegible] area is 50 per cent [illegible] U.N. Arab view is [illegible]

Regarding Jerusalem, Mr. Ben Gurion said:

"For us that city's future is settled as much as that of Washington or London—despite its ridiculous boundaries. This cannot be an issue for negotiation.

"However, he said he hoped that peace could be negotiated and that full cooperation should ensue on cultural, economic and military matters.

Little Chance for Peace

Despite the Prime Minister's remarks, he admitted that the chances for peace seemed no better than they did two years ago. When Maj.-Gen. Mohammed Naguib, the Egyptian Premier, first assumed power, Tel Aviv was more hopeful than now is the case. And Col. Adib Shishakly, the Syrian Chief of State, has been making increasingly hostile pronouncements.

The Israel leader said his country hoped to become self-sufficient in food within four to six years, although it now provides less than 50 per cent of its own meat and less than 40 per cent of its bread grains. He claimed, however, that the great gap prevailing between exports and imports could be reversed by the exploitation of mineral resources and the expansion of basic industries.

He thought the present population of 1,600,000 could be increased to 4,000,000 in a decade — largely through immigration of Jews from such areas as French North Africa. However, he hastened to add that this is in no sense racial, as Israel has to appeal [illegible] especially to the [illegible] countries, and [illegible] Jewish communities could [illegible] the Middle East.

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Social & Personal

Dr. Moshe Ishai, former Israel Minister to Italy, and Mrs. Ishai, returned in the s.s. Bagheria yesterday.

The Palestine Affairs at the Israel Embassy in London and Mrs. J. H. S. Simpson held a reception at the Royal Society of Arts last week in honour of Professor S. Sandbursky, director of the Hebrew Council of Arts. The Israel Ambassador was in the chair. Viscount Samuel and Mr. Herbert Robbins were among the speakers.

Mr. Matt Jaffa, Director and General Manager of The Palestine Corporation Ltd., has returned from a visit to the United Kingdom.

Mr. V. M. Krestr, Commercial Representative of Cuba in the Middle East, has arrived in Israel on a two-week visit to investigate trade possibilities between the two countries. Mr. Krestr's office is in Rome.

A crowded house acclaimed Gundarov, Petr Markevitch at the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra at Ne'ot Zevervelt concert, in Tel Aviv last night. Among the audience were the Israel Minister to France, Mr. Moshe Fitter; the Italian Minister in Tel Aviv, Marquis R. Guistiniani; the Swiss Minister and Mrs. Seifert; and Dr. Hugh Dalton.

The Hebrew Premiere of St. Joan, by G. B. Shaw, was given by the Chamber Theatre in Tel Aviv last night. Mrs. Gnia Porat was in the title role.

A group of prominent journalists left for Italy in the s.s. Messapia on Saturday after a two-day visit. They included Professor Armando Trotsio, editor of the Ansa News Service; Mr. J. V. T. C. Chevalier, of the U.P. in Rome; Mr. A. de Fe, of A.P. in Rome; and Mr. M. Nardin, of the "Gazettino Veneto."

Mrs. Anna Frankel, chairman of the Jewish National Fund in South Africa, has arrived in Israel.

Rabbi Charles E. Shulman of New York is visiting Israel on behalf of the United Jewish Appeal.

The new Press and Information Officer at the Ministry of Finance, Dr. Israel Leon, was introduced to the press yesterday by Mr. I. Rokach, the former Information Officer who has left Government service to act as financial adviser to the Mapai faction in the Knesset. Dr. Leon served until recently as counsellor at the Israel Legation in Warsaw.

The Samuel Mendel Hoberguesht Memorial Essay Prize has been awarded to Dr. Moshe H. Gottstein, a Research Fellow at the Hebrew University, for his thesis on "The Influence of Arabic on the Syntax and Vocabulary of Hebrew." The award, which was granted for the first time this year, is to be given annually for the best Ph. D. thesis submitted at the University in the field of Hebrew Language and Literature.

An exhibition of works by the late Menahem Shami, pioneer Israel Painter will open at the Tel Aviv Museum on Thursday.

Dr. W. Sunnabend, formerly Lecturer in Sociology at Witwatersrand University in South Africa, is to give the first of two guest lectures under the auspices of the Hebrew University on "Power and Persuasion" at 8.30 tonight at Terra Sancta college in Jerusalem.

M. Mocha Cotana will lecture today at 5.30 p.m. at the Centre de Culture Francaise, on "Le Vrai-Faux et l'Hebreu: Rencontres de deux Langues". M. Bertrand de la Sablière, French Consul General in Jerusalem, will preside.

In response to popular demand the violinist, Ida Mendel, will give another recital in Tel Aviv on Monday, Dec. 29 before leaving on a European tour. Moshe Lustig will be at the piano.

TWO SCHOOLBOYS GET PRIZES FOR ESSAYS

Yosef Amitti, 16, of the Aleph secondary school in Tel Aviv and Yitzhak Aricha, 14, of the Rehavia secondary school in Jerusalem, have been awarded first prizes in the essay competition on the United Nations sponsored by the Ministry of Education last October.

The Foreign Minister received the schoolboys in his office in Hakirya yesterday and presented Yosef Amitti with the book, "Pearls of World Literature," and Yitzhak Aricha with "The History of Bread."

U.S. MINERALS EXPERT

WASHINGTON, Sunday (INA). —Mr. Don Caroll, of the Bureau of Mines, will leave for Israel on a three year assignment, it was announced by Mr. Oscar L. Chapman, Secretary of Interior. Mr. Caroll will serve as mineral resources adviser to the TCA.

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Long-Term Plan Needed To Increase Fish Supply

By GUSTA REHAV

A total of 27,000 tons of fish, or 10 kg. per head, was consumed in Israel in 1950/51. Countries with a fish-eating tradition boast of higher figures: England, 24 kg. per head; Iceland, 92; Norway, 83; Portugal, 45; and Japan, over 30 kg.

Let us assume, considering the lack of meat protein in this country, an objective of 20 kg. of fish per head. If we, when our population has reached the two million mark (by 1957/9) we shall need 50,000 tons. In 1950, our lakes, Kinneret and Hulek, yielded 800 tons, and if we treble this catch within the next five years, we shall arrive at 2,400 tons. Our Mediterranean coastal waters in 1950/1 yielded us 2,078 tons with 85 vessels and small craft operating. If we succeed in doubling the craft and yield, we shall arrive at a quantity of 4,300 tons of salt water fish in the next five years. Our fish ponds during the year under review gave us 4,300 tons of carp. Experts advise expanding the ponds area and increase the yield to 8,400 tons. Within the next five years we may thus look forward to a supply of 15,000 tons, leaving us 35,000 tons short of our minimal requirements. We must therefore seek the remainder from international fishing grounds and imports.

We have been engaged in fishing for the last 15 years, and though we lacked tradition we have been able in that space of time to learn something about the sea and appreciate the benefits fishing can yield. Although the Mediterranean is poor fishing ground, we must first of all increase our work in territorial waters. But beyond this, the need to import large quantities of fish every year calls for careful planning.

The big question is: where are we to find the largest resources of fish? There are vast fishing grounds off Northern Europe and West Africa where all nations meet and whence enormous quantities of fish are brought home. We must learn from these nations and adapt their experience to the needs of our country.

Need For Organization

To this end, we shall have to overcome many difficulties. In the first place we have no captains, seamen and expert fishermen who are thoroughly acquainted with deep-sea fishing. Moreover, our fishermen will find it difficult to absent themselves from home for three or four months at a stretch.

We shall also have to organize our fishing fleet in such a manner as to give the seaman one month's shore leave after three successive months at sea and a three months' break after his second trip, when he will be employed in the fishery by-products industry at home. In this respect, guidance by foreign experts will be necessary. In the meantime, we must train our own best seamen and fishermen and convert them into specialists. Later on we shall, of course, be able to draw upon students of our naval academies and induce them to acquire practice and experience aboard our own fishing craft.

The difficulty of our great distance from the international fishing grounds can partly be overcome by modern rapid freezing methods and the construction of suitable boats. England and France, for example, have at their disposal fishing craft of 500 gross tons with 800 H.P. motors and 250 tons of cargo space. A vessel of this type operates some 1,000 miles from its home port, and almost invariably brings back 3,000 tons of fish a year in 14-15 journeys of 18-20 days. As, however, cargoes did not always return in such good condition these countries have struck upon the factory vessel solution.

Factory Vessels

A factory vessel brings back its cargo of fish in the processed form of fish fillet, fish meal and fish oil. In this way the whole fish is used, whereas other vessels carry a cargo, 50 per cent of which must be thrown away.

The factory vessel can stay at the fishing ground as long as necessary, and it can follow schools of fish without regard to distance or time: it is a sort of floating refrigerator.

Experiments to convert ordinary trawlers into factory vessels have not proved economical because their size is not suited for internal storage.

Profitable Method

Research by American and German companies elicits the fact that, if the vessel is to bring in an economic return, it should be of the 1,000-1,200 gross tons type and equipped for operating at a distance of 2,000 miles from its home port. Calculations of rentability in America show that such a vessel can bring packed frozen fillet at $180 per ton. Here, we are at present paying $350 per ton. The first step should be the purchase of two such vessels with Reparations Payments funds. This will prove one of the soundest investments for one of our basic industries.

The experiment carried out here by the Ezra Company in deep-sea fishing lacked necessary planning. That is to be regretted, for this setback may retard correct planning in the future. The venture was bound to fail because the company used a small vessel, unsuited in size and equipment for deep-sea fishing, and for operating 3,000 miles from its home port if the intention was to import fresh fish from abroad. A factory vessel, on the other hand, can bring 2,000 tons of fish fillet, 400 tons of fish meal and 150 tons of fish oil in the course of one year.

After one year's experience, we shall have to add two more vessels to this new fleet, in order to approach the quantities needed in the coming five years.

A NEW STATE ON THE WAY

NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nehru announced in Parliament on Friday, that his government had decided to set up a new state in India.

It will be known as Andhra state, consisting of Telegu-speaking areas of the present Madras state, but not including Madras city. Telegu is an ancient language spoken by millions in India.

An Indian social worker, Potti Sriramulu, died four days ago after a 58-day "fast unto death" for the immediate formation of a separate state with Madras as the capital. The next day violent demonstrations and a total strike swept the Vyjayawada, one of the main centres of a 40-year-old agitation for separation.

ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 667 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 413.5, 283.9 & 322 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.35, 12.30, 1.30, 6.15, 8.30 & 11.30 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 2.30 a.m., 2.15 & 6.30 p.m.
6.10 a.m. Reveille. 6.53 Exercises. 6.40 Morning Chat (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Silver Discs.
10.05 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Records (R). 11.45 Music (R). 12.05 Programme for Housewife (R). 12.30 Concert Hall: First Rhapsody for Clarinet and Orchestra (Debussy); Symphony Fantastique (Berlioz). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (R). 1.50 Close Down.
4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.30 Musical Miniature (R). 4.50 Records: Yehoram Vannetsky & Moshe Lustig. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.45 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.40 Programme Announcements. 7.10 Music (R). 7.35 Talk. 7.45 "Miscellanea." 8.20 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answers to Citizens. 9.00 Curtain Up. 9.45 Piano & Violin Recital: Leonid Kogan, Violin; Yakov Zak, Piano: Sonata in G minor — Brahms; Divertimento — Stravinsky; Poeme — Chausson; Slavonic Dances — Dvorak; "Hoe Down" — Copland; "Masses" Fleming — Paganini. Sale of tickets from TODAY at the I.P.O. Office, 56 Allenby Road, (11-2, 4-6).

Program 2 Jewish Tal. 10.15 Folk Songs. 10.35 Nocturne. 11.05 Close Down.
SECOND PROGRAMME
English News: 1.45 p.m., 10.15 p.m. 4.00 p.m. Works by Handel (R). 4.05 Message to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Youngsters. 5.30 Piyutei Avot Lozzatto. 5.50 Music (R). 6.15 Close Down.
IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (33.1, 43.9 & 440 M.): French: 6.30 p.m. Lecture: 7.00 p.m. Yiddish: 7.30 p.m.
KOL ZION LAGOLA (33.1 M.): 11.15 News. 11.30 "Here Mother." 11.45 Report from Kibbutz Gal-Ed.
ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 214, 225 & 229 M.): 4.30 Opening. 4.35 Rental. 7.05 Request. 7.35 Today's Events. 7.55 The Soldier as a Civilian. 8.05 Melodies. 8.30 News. 8.45 Works by Dvorak. 10.00 Close Down.
VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 8-8.30 p.m. (15, 16, 19, 25 M.): Appointment Today.
B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (31.02 & 32.53 M.): 6.30-7.05 p.m. News: News Talk. Echoes from the World.

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REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Editorials Analyse Assembly Vote On Israel-Arab Peace Talks

Most Sunday editorials analysed the vote in the U.N. General Assembly on the six-power proposal to open direct peace negotiations between the Arab states and Israel.

"Davar" (Histadrut) says that though the proposal did not get the necessary two-thirds majority, all parties concerned have now expressed that they are in favour of direct negotiations which was originally Israel's idea. It should be welcomed, says the paper, that the Philippine proposal (linking the peace negotiations with the Internationalization of Jerusalem) was not adopted. Israel was not instrumental in placing the Palestine issue on the agenda of the U.N.: this was the work of the Arab states and it can therefore be safely concluded that their manoeuvres have failed, notwithstanding their success in preventing the adoption of the six-power resolution.

Relations with Latin America

"Ha'aretz" (Independent) remarks that seven South American states which had previously supported the six-power proposals abstained from voting, while the Soviet bloc, having previously abstained, finally joined the opponents' camp. The paper says that it must be doubted whether we shall be able to affect Soviet policy with regard to Israel, but more should be done in order to strengthen our relations with South American countries.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) says that it is symptomatic that in the very midst of the "People's Peace Congress" in Vienna the Soviet bloc deemed it right to vote against peace negotiations between Israel and the Arab countries. At the same time it has been announced that an East German delegation is to visit Egypt soon, and we should not be greatly surprised if the intention is to supply arms to the Arab states. Real peace is indivisible, says the paper, quoting Litvinov, but Communist peace is something quite different.

"Omer" (Histadrut) too stresses the new tie-up between the Communist states and the Arab League and says that "Russia does not need peace in the Middle East."

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) expresses regret about the "untimely interview" granted by the Prime Minister to a "N.Y. Times" correspondent which may have affected the vote in the General Assembly. The Mapai attempt to oust the religious representatives from the government migth have an adverse effect too — according to "Hatzofe" which also believes that the Soviet attitude seems to be in continuation of the new Cominform line.

"Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) reports an alleged meeting between the Prime Minister, Mr. Aba Eban, Mr. E. Sasson, Mr. R. Shiloah and others in which a new political orientation was decided upon. According to the same source the Prime Minister and most other participants were in favour of a rapprochement with General Nagib while Mr. Sasson was against it. This sensational piece of news appears to be of somewhat doubtful authority in view of the fact that "Hador" (Mapai) editorially attacked Nagib and drew attention to his alliance with reactionary forces in Egypt which had motivated his turn towards a foreign policy à la Shishakly

Nagib Endangers Peace

"Haboker" on the other hand, says that Nagib has never been any good from the beginning, that he is endangering peace in Middle East and that it was wrong to put any hopes in his "reform" movement.

"Al Hamishmar" announces that the previous issue of the paper was the first to appear in the new "Al Hamishmar" building which cost IL.170,000 to put up and stressed that it received no outside help.

Editorially the paper promises that it will continue to defend both the daily and the historic interests of the masses from Rehov Hamasger even more firmly than from Rehov Hashabaz, its former home.

Where to go

JERUSALEM
9-0, Jerusalem Biblical Zoo Reopens. Bus 11. Parking limited 2-3 p.m.
8.30-12.30, 2-6: Archaeological Library and Reading Room, U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road. Entrance Free.
9-1; 2-5: Exhibition: Modern French Works of Art, donated by artists and art-lovers of France. Victor Hugo, Designers on the occasion of the 150th anniversary of his birth (last week). Hanukka Lamps, recent acquisitions of the Museum. Exhibit of the Hebrew Laboratory of an Alchemist, of post-Leg 1650, by David Eyckaert III (1612-1661). New acquisition of the Bezalel Museum.
9-6, Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition — Recent acquisitions: 20 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.
10-5: Rockefeller Tombs.
11.30-12.30 Film Show at Keren Hayesod Head Office.
9 p.m.: The Seafarers by Jean Renoir, Film Appreciation Society, Y.M.C.A.

TEL AVIV
9-1, 4-7: Israel Fine Woodcuts and Drawings, Ein Harod Art Shop, 12 Rehov Ben Yehuda.
9 p.m.: "Rose Jean Chanker Theatre, Magnolia Hall.

HAIFA
6-7 p.m.: Exhibition of Paintings by Colo-Studio, Artists' House, 32 Rehov IINO (opp. Cornelia Court).

RAMAT GAN
8.30 p.m.: Li-La-La, Woodwind Revue, "It Will be Good." Reuz Hall.

JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30 p.m.
ARNONA: The Magic Carpet.
EDEN: Angels in the Outfield.
EDISON: Tomahawk.
OR-GIL: Distant Drums.
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STUDIO: Mutiny on the Bounty.
ZION: House on Telegraph Hill.

Haifa Cinemas

ATZMON (Tel. 1051): Up In Arms.

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 389/52

In the matter of the late Lazar Weinenberg died on Nov. 7, 1952.
Petitioner: Mrs. Chaya (Helena) Weinenberg represented by Cohen and Glick, Advocates, Nahariya.
Summons—let all persons take notice that Chaya (Helena) Weinenberg has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Lazar Weinenberg of Haifa, and that the said application will be heard on December 31, 1952 at 10 a.m.
Any persons claiming any interest must appear at the said place and date, otherwise such order will be given as to the Court seems right.
(Sgd.) S. BAZZ—Registrar
Date: 9.12.52

DISTRICT COURT OF HAIFA
P.R. 386/52

In the matter of the late Dr. Meyer Pulver died at Teheran, Persia, on 14.3.48.
Petitioners: Asiah Pulver nee Halperin, widow of the deceased.
Summons—let all persons take notice that Asiah Pulver has applied to the District Court of Haifa for an order declaring the succession of the late Dr. Meyer Pulver and that the said application will be heard on December 31, 1952 at 10 a.m.
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Wednesday Smash Tynesiders Home Record

By A. KALMAN, Sports Editor.

English football players started their hectic three games in eight days Xmas programme on Saturday before one of the lowest attendances of the season — just over half a million. Most sides will have Xmas and Boxing Day fixtures, and shortly afterwards, on January 13, the "big boys" enter the Football Association Cup affray.

Wolverhampton Wanderers kept at the head of Division I with a goal-less draw at Cardiff City. West Bromwich Albion kept up their recent progress with a win in London, 3-1, over Tottenham Hotspur, to take second spot, two points behind the "Wolves" but with a game in hand. This loss put the former scintillating "Spurs" well into the bottom half of the table and the relegation area.

Top performance of the day in Division I came to opportunist Sheffield Wednesday, who gained their first win in six matches. They slammed Cup holders Newcastle United, on their own ground, 5-1, to end their undefeated home record. The "Tynesiders" woes were further added to by the loss of their star Chilian forward, George Robledo, through injuries. Arsenal kept in the honours race with a 3-1 home victory over Aston Villa, with neighbours, Charlton Athletic, aiding them indirectly by beating honours-rivals Sunderland at the "Den" by the same score.

Sheffield Take 3 Point Lead

Chelsea went down 3-2 for their seventh successive loss at Craven Cottage to Manchester United, ex-reat champions who languish in the relegation zone, and now are third from bottom, but only by reason of a better goal average. The Mancunians neighbours, Manchester City, also chalked up a second win of the month to send Lucky Stoke City bottom, in the Second Division promotion battle. Sheffield United go from strength to strength and swamped the Wolverhamton team Swansea Town, 7-1, at home, to creep three points ahead of Huddersfield Town, who lost 3-1 at Leeds to the United. The leaders veteran player Jimmy Hagan was sent off at Sheffield. Southampton Town's fire for two successive promotion contenders, are very much in the "danger" zone the bottom of the table and last at home to London's West Ham United. Leicester City's Arthur Riley, brother of the Scottish international, netted two goals to head the goal-scorers in the English League, when his side drew two-all at Notts County.

Bristol Rovers seem to be making the Division III (South) championship their own and notched their 15th successive game without defeat with a 1-0 away win at Shrewsbury Town. Torquay, Bristol City, Bristol Rovers, Reading, Brentford, Luton, Ipswich in the promotion fight here, Northampton Town, won by the same score on their own ground against Bournemouth in an important top-spot fixture. The Division III (North) promotion race reverted to status quo, Oldham Athletic and Grimsby Town sharing top place with 27 points each. Oldham drew 2-2 in home duels with Tranmere Rovers while the "Fishermen" lost 3-1 at Wrexham.

"Fifers" Lucky Win

East Fife kept one point ahead of Celtic in the Scottish League A Division honours race by wheedling 3-1 at Cowdenbeath. Celtic also had a half time goal lead over the leaders but suffered injuries after the restart and the "Fifers" netted an equaliser and the winning goal in the last five minutes. Celtic also lost the advantage over Falkirk, whose forces were depleted by injuries, and won 3-2 away. Glasgow Rangers netted a useful homerun win in beating St. Mirren 4-0, their Glasgow netting all four goals. Hibernian, moved into third spot, after their third successive championship; they gained the win of the card beating Queen of the South 7-2. In League B, Stirling Albion registered a good win away, beating Ayr United 3-2 in an important promotion match. Morton too gained a good victory at home, beating Cowdenbeath 3-0. Arbroath are the "dark horses" here, and notched their ninth undefeated result in winning 3-1 over Dundee United away.

Results

English League: Div. I: Arsenal 3, Aston V. 1; Blackpool 2, Portsm'th 2; Cardiff C. 0, Wolves 0; Charlton 3, Sunderland 1; Chelsea 2, Man. U. 3; Derby C. 4, Bolton W. 3; Liverp'l 3, Preston N.E. 2; Man. C. 3, Stoke C. 1; Middlesbro' 3, Burnley 2; Newcastle U. 1, Sheff. W. 5; West Brom. 2, Tottenham 1. Div. II: Barnsley 2, Doncaster 2; Birmingham 4, Rotherham 0; Blackburn 2, Notts. F. 1; Bury 1, Fulham 1; Hull C. 1, Everton 0; Leeds 2, Huddersf'ld 1; Lincoln 0, Brentford 0; Luton 1, Plymouth 0; Notts. C. 2, Leicester C. 2; Sheff. U. 7, Swansea 1; Southampton 1, West Ham 2. Div. III (S): Aldershot 1, Norwich 2; Brix. C. 3, Watford 1; Crystal P. 3, Brighton 1; Gillingham 1, Newport 1; Ipswich 2, Colchester 2; Leyton O. 1, Reading 1; N'hampton 3, Bournem'th 1; Q.P.R. 1, Exeter 1; Shrewsbury 0, Bris. R. 1; T'ndon 3, Coventry C. 1; Torquay 4, Southend 2; Walsall 3, Millwall 2. Div. III (N): Acc. 3, 1, Hartlep'ls 1; Bradford 2, York C. 2; Carlisle 3, Gateh'd 2; Chester 4, Stockport O; Crewe A. 4, Rochdale 2; Halifax 3, Workgtn. 7, 2; Mansf'ld 1, Chester'fd. 4; Oldham 3, Tranmere 2; Port V. 0, Brandford C. 0, Scunthorpe 1, Barrow 2; Southport 3, Darlington 0; Wrexham 2, Grimsby 1.

Scottish League: Div. A: Aberdeen 4, Partick Th. 2; Clyde 1, E. Fife 2; Falkirk 2, Celtic 2; Hearts 3, Th. Lanark 2; M'well 2, Dundee 1; Qua. Sotn. 2, Hibs. 7; Raith R. vs. Airdrieonians, postponed, snow; Rangers 4, St. Mirren 0. Div. B: Albion R. 3, Dumbarton 1; Alloa 1, Kilmarnock 2; Ayr U. 2, Stirling 4; Dundee U. 4, Arbroath 2; Dunfermline 2, Stenhousmir 1; Forfar 1, Hamilton Ac. 2; Morton 1, Cowdenb'th 0, Qums. Pk. 4, St. Johnstone 1.

Cricket fans will pay more to watch the Australians in the Coronation season next year as increased entertainment tax has forced the M.C.C. to raise the prices. The minimum charge for all "Tests" will be 5s. instead of 4s. 6d. in London and 4s. in the provinces. The cost was 4s. and 3s. 6d. when the Australians were last in England in 1948.

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Lydda Airport	27	10	17	10
Jerusalem	20	6	13	11
Beersheba	21	7	16	11
Eilath	24	15	21	20

FORECAST: In the North, fair or few becoming intermittent cloudy with occasional moderate to heavy showers later in central and south Israel. Cool intermittent cloudy with occasional showers at night and tomorrow morning. Fresh and dry southerly winds throughout the day.

(A) Monday at 1 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temperature yesterday. (D) Minimum expected today.

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AN ATTEMPT to burgle the Kfar Sirkin flat of Mr. Pinchas Sapir, Director of the Development Division in the Ministry of Finance was foiled yesterday when his unexpectedly returned home and raised the alarm after seeing his personal effects lying in the yard. The thieves escaped.

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297 IMMIGRANTS, most of them from North Africa, arrived in Haifa in the s.s. Negbah yesterday.

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A POSTAL agency is to be opened on January 1, 1953 at Yokneam in Emek Jezreel.

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THE SHIMSHON Cement Works was sued for IL.3M in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday by the "Hevra Ha'ovrim Tiberiah Yesodoum." The plaintiff alleged that the cement company had failed to pay a bill for car repairs.

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JERUSALEM BOY SCOUTS were called up-to Beth Ussishkin delinquency in a series of educational meetings conducted by the police on Saturday evening.

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THE FATHER of a two-year-old boy was bound over in IL.200 bond by the Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday to be of good behaviour for two years after his son was found guilty of stealing 15 kilograms of oranges from a grove in Jaffa last October.

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AFTER® FIGHTING flames for 20 minutes, the Tel Aviv Fire Brigade succeeded in localising a fire which broke out yesterday in a carpentry shop in Rehov Hassan Beh in Tel Aviv. Damage is estimated at IL.2,500.

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LOCAL AIR SERVICE with stops at Haifa, Tel Aviv, Lydda, Beersheba and Sdom will be started early next month, Peltours announced here yesterday. Flights are expected to take place six days a week.

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A LOCOMOTIVE SMASHED into an empty Dan Bus yesterday morning at the Rosh Ha'ayin crossing, destroying the vehicle and injuring its driver, Yosef Kimchi, 30, of Petah Tikva.

Fresh Cauliflower Sent To Scandinavia

HAIFA, Sunday. — A ton of fresh cauliflower is part of the cargo that is being shipped tonight to Sweden and Finland in the s.s. Nordanland, a food carrier of the Svenska-Orient Line. The shipment is an export experiment which, if successful, will start a new development in Israel's foreign trade.

The bulk of the cargo is made up of 70,000 crates of citrus and more than six tons of bananas.

Prices Higher For Sweets Rations

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Prices for this month's rations of chocolate, sweets, biscuits and jam have been raised. The price of jam will be 300 pruta a kilogram; biscuits 480 pruta a kilogram; sweets of all kinds IL.1 a kilogram. Manufacturers have been instructed to improve the quality of chocolate and supply the market with expert-type products. The price of a bar will rise to 105 prutot.

Ceiling prices for locally-produced tinned fish have been abolished as have controls on prepared soups. New prices for syrup, incubator eggs and chicks, and lamb have been announced.

RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Bananas for pregnant mothers, 500 grams; 14 years 1 to 12.

HAIFA & SAMARIA DISTRICTS: Tea and Coffee 125 grams coffee or 100 grams tea or 50 grams tea and 40 grams coffee. Lamed 27 and Lamed H.

Rokach to Remain On Tel Aviv Council

Jerusalem POST Reporter

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Mayor Israel Rokach is expected to retain his seat on the Municipal Council after he resigns as Mayor and enters the Cabinet. He is expected to tender his resignation at the Municipal Council meeting on Thursday. The Council will then elect a new Mayor, who is expected to be Mr. Haim Levanon, at present one of the two Deputy Mayors.

The other post of Deputy Mayor is expected to be given to a Histadrut member. Now it is held by Herut. Of the two candidates for the position, Mr. E. Peri and Mr. A. Kamini, the latter is the more probable candidate. Mr. Peri is reluctant to accept an addition to his responsibilities as Director-General of Kupat Holim. Mr. Kamini is the National Chairman of the Jewish National Fund. There will be only one Deputy Mayor.

The Herut faction has been in unofficial opposition since the summer recess.

J'lem War Veterans Want Action on Housing Project

The Jerusalem Ex-Servicemen's Association last night voted at a general meeting to exert pressure on the Jewish National Fund, the Development Authority, and the Jerusalem Municipality with demonstrations and sit-down strikes unless those bodies paid sums promised the Association for constructing its housing project.

Of the 200 dwelling units already nearing completion, 135 are being built on land belonging to the Development Authority, which the J.N.F. undertook to buy for the ex-servicemen's project.

Although negotiations for the sale began two years ago, no final settlement has been made, and the Association has been unable to raise a mortgage on the property, as it had planned, in order to pay the building-contractors. The J.N.F. opposes the IL.14,000 a dunam asked by the Development Authority.

The Ministry of Labour had promised to give the Jerusalem Municipality IL. 70,000 to aid the ex-servicemen, but a first instalment of IL.33,000 had been spent by the Municipality for other purposes, and the Ministry of Labour refused to give further answers until the first sum was refunded.

Court of Appeals Reverses Manslaughter Conviction

POST Legal Correspondent

The Court of Appeals recently acquitted Yihia Ashwell, who had been sentenced to five years' imprisonment for manslaughter by the Tel Aviv District Court. The accused had been convicted of killing Haim Shukur in the course of a feud between their families in the Rosh Ha'ayin sha'bara in June 1951.

In an 11-page judgment the Court of Appeals accepted the plea of self-defence and ruled that:

◆ In Israel, as opposed possibly to England, the accused need not prove that he "retreated until his back was to the wall and struck only then." This rule of the common law is particularly inapplicable in this case since the accused was at home, or near his home, at the time of the fight.

◆ Self-defence and provocation are two unrelated legal concepts. (The District Court said that "though there was provocation, it was not strong enough to justify self-defence.") Provocation, no matter how great, can never justify the plea of self-defence. Provocation could be pleaded in a murder trial to prove that the killing was the result of a spontaneous outburst and not of premeditation; the charge could then be reduced to man-slaughter. Or, it could be pleaded as a mitigating circumstance to lighten the sentence after conviction is pronounced, but a plea of provocation, as distinct from self-defence, can not bring about the acquittal of the accused.

The Court was composed of Justices Cheshin, Silberg and Zeltner. The appellant was represented by Messrs. V. Hasan and A. Grushkin and the State by Mrs. Ben-Porat and Mr. A. Tousia-Cohen.

FOUND GUILTY of breaking into the Ritz diamond factory, in Natanya last March and stealing diamonds valued at IL.1,020 Yehidia Hakim, 26, and Philip Kadper, 33, were sentenced to four-and-a-half and three-and-a-half years imprisonment respectively by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Cinema Strike Off, Prices to Go Up

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The strike of cinemas throughout the country, scheduled for Tuesday, has been cancelled, following a meeting in Jerusalem today between the Director-General of the Ministry of Finance, Mr. Ehud Avriel, and representatives of the cinema owners.

The owners had protested against the present system of levying the entertainment tax which, they claimed, made the price of tickets too expensive. The mayors of Tel Aviv and Haifa had intervened in the dispute and had suggested a compromise.

It is understood that the price of the cheapest tickets will be raised from 150 pruta to 200 pruta without any increase in the tax. Other price increases will be discussed at another meeting tomorrow.

Habimah Warns Opera

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Habima Theatre representatives warned today that the Israel Opera would be ousted from the Habima Hall in a week if it did not accept the conclusions of Mr. P. Rosen on the dispute between the two bodies.

Habima has for years been demanding that the Opera leave its hall and Mr. Rosen, as arbitrator, resolved that the Opera should leave at the end of next season and should meanwhile pay IL.900 for each performance. Hitherto the Opera has been paying IL.85 an evening with an additional IL.40 for electricity.

Details of the Opera's claims are not being revealed here. There has been no contact between the local press and the Opera since critics were banned from attending its performances about three years ago.

The Habima Hall is owned by the Tel Aviv Municipality and leased permanently to the Habima Theatre.

150 Grandparents Are Guests of Rotarians

From a Correspondent

Over 150 grandmothers and grandfathers between the ages of 70 and 90 were the guests of Haifa Rotarians at a special Hanukka performance last Thursday afternoon at the Orly Cinema on Mt. Carmel.

Door-to-door transport was arranged, and the guests were collected from the different homes for the aged in Haifa and driven home again after the show in the Rotarians' cars.

The "elders of Haifa" were welcomed at the cinema by the Club President, Mr. M. Gersen, and other Rotarians. It was a heart-warming scene to watch the aged and infirm being escorted down the cinema steps by their hosts. In an address before the show, Rotarian J. Arsten welcomed the guests and told them that they formed "just as important a part of the Yishuv as the youth." This statement was greeted with much applause and one had the feeling that the audience felt it was being given a de facto and de jure recognition as citizens with equal rights. Some of the aged who live in Ahuza had not been to Central Carmel even once during the last four years.

The film shown was "Abie's Irish Rose" (by kind permission of United Artists Film Corporation).

Benedictine Head to Leave Abu Ghosh; Here 50 Years

The Sacerdotal Jubilee of Father Alexander, who was for 30 years Superior of the Benedictine Order in Israel, was celebrated yesterday in the Crusaders' Church in Abu Ghosh, where he had been Custodian for 30 years.

The occasion also marked the Order's decision to leave both Abu Ghosh and their large Seminary at Sibwan on the Mount of Olives, and transfer their brethren to the central Benedictine establishment at Cherfe in the Lebanon.

Another French Order, of Sisters Marie, Haifa, will take their place.

Father Alexander, Lorenz, was born in the French Pyrenees. After his ordination in 1897 he became a teacher at the Seminary in Sibwan. From 1923, Father Alexander was in charge of the French national property at Abu Ghosh in the Jerusalem Corridor. He gave much help to the Dominican Pere de Vaux of the Old City in his archaeological researches at the Crusaders' Church and of Roman antiquities. It was owing to him that Abu Ghosh became a neutral meeting-ingplace for Arabs of Jews during the War of Independence and subsequent good relations were largely his work.

The ceremony was attended by the Consuls of France, the Netherlands and the United States in Jerusalem and a representative of the French Embassy. Tributes were paid to Father Alexander by a delegation from the three kibbutzim in the neighbourhood, who expressed sorrow at the departure of their friend.

High Mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock today at Notre Dame de France in Jerusalem in honour of the Jubilee.

Robberies in Jerusalem And Tel Aviv

Two robberies and one attempted robbery took place in Jerusalem on Saturday night.

Patt's cafe and bakery in Rehov Hanevi'im was robbed of 850 packets of cigarettes valued at IL.300 and of a bag with IL.60 in cash.

A safe containing IL.40 was taken from the Bet Hayeled building in Baka'a. An unsuccessful attempt was also made to break into the offices of the Education Department of the Hebrew University in the David Building. (Itim)

In Tel Aviv three apartments were robbed on Saturday night. Articles valued at IL.1,500 were stolen from Avraham Finkelstein's flat in Rehov Mapu. In Yehoshua Spiegel's flat in Rehov Stand, thieves made off with various objects valued at IL.1,500. Yitshak Levin's repair shop was robbed of tools and machines valued at IL.1,200.

MAN, 58, DROWNED

HAIFA, Sunday. — Sinai Fiedeser, 58, who was pulled out of the sea by the Fire Brigade this morning, died soon afterwards in Rambam Hospital after attempts to save his life had failed.

Youth Dies After Fall

RAMLE, Sunday (ITIM). — Ya'acov Peretz, 20, of Mishmar David, died in Sarafand Hospital last night from injuries sustained when he fell from a tractor while at work last Sunday.

OLD CITY-BETHLEHEM ROAD ASPHALTED

The 24 kilometre road from the Old City to Bethlehem, which skirts the demilitarised zone, has been completely asphalted, "A-Diffa," the Old City daily, reports. Previously,

Stern Advises Cut In Port Wage Guarantee

Recommendations to cut in half the 24 to 27 day wage guarantee given to permanent workers at Haifa Port, and to pay them according to the type of work performed, were two of the main recommendations made by Dr. Boris Stern in his last report to the Ministry of Communications.

The U.N. efficiency expert explained that workers receive guaranteed wages even if they do not work. Port productivity as a whole is therefore determined not by efficiency in handling individual ships.

From July to October the tonnage dropped to 226,909 tons as compared with 440,309 tons in the same period in 1951. "If conditions continue in the future as indicated in the last four months, it is clear that the increase of productivity in handling individual ships can bring no relief to the Port and the Port can go bankrupt even with larger ship productivity," the report says.

To prevent the burden of unemployment from falling entirely on the workers, Dr. Stern recommended establishing an Unemployment Insurance Fund. This Fund would be made up of contributions by the contractors, the Government and the workers, who would contribute five, five and three per cent respectively.

The contractors' intention to reduce the permanent staff by discharging about 600 of the 1,650 labour force was a "rather dangerous procedure," Mr. Stern warned. He pointed out that the number of good port workers in Israel was small, and those discharged may not return when needed.

"The Port of Haifa, when needed, can handle an excess of 2.5m. tons of cargo a year. It is my opinion that 1,200 to 1,400 good permanent workers are not too many for the Port," Dr. Stern said.

MAIL SACKS FOUND BY CHILDREN

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Three sacks containing IL.11,000 worth of revenue stamps, 300 registered letters and a registered package from Rehovot which "disappeared" from a consignment of 81 mailbags on their way from Yad Eliahu to Jerusalem on Friday were recovered in Wadi Musrara here this morning when a group of children stumbled on them.

One of the bags had been opened, but the police reported tonight that nothing was missing.

The watchman of the Yad Eliahu Post Office was detained today together with another man in connection with the incident.

Charged With Murder

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — Handcuffed, shackled and heavily guarded, Motel Bring, 42, and Mordecai Shulman, 29, were today brought before Magistrate Y. Zohar here for a preliminary investigation. They are charged with the murder of Levi Mayal, 24, on November 22.

Mayal was found lying outside the Glan Cafe in Jaffa with a fatal knife wound after an alleged drunken brawl. The charge sheet states that the killing was premeditated. After the charge had been read, the hearing was adjourned until January 4.

Negev Murderers Laid Ambush Behind Barricade

BEERSHEBA, Sunday. — The funeral of Yosef Yairi, 24, of Mishav Bde Boker, took place this afternoon at the Kfar Warburg cemetery near Kastina. He was killed last Friday when a truck carrying him back to the settlement was fired on. Members of his family and the settlement and representatives of the Army paid their last respects to the deceased.

Tracks were discovered by police yesterday leading from the scene of the murder last Thursday.

The killers had barricaded themselves behind stones in preparation for the shooting.

About a dozen empty cartridge cases of British type rifles were found.

WATCHMAN WOUNDED

Shalom Ben Motzkl, 28, a watchman in a settlement in the Corridor, was wounded in the left leg by unidentified persons on Saturday night. During his rounds, he heard suspicious movements in a barn. He was wounded by one of three men who managed to escape. He was given first aid treatment by Magen David Adom. (Itim)

8 MARAUDERS KILLED, 22 CAPTURED IN WEEK

Eight infiltrators were killed and 22 captured between December 8 and 14 by Defence Forces and Police, an Army spokesman announced yesterday.

Egyptian Paper Claims UK-Israel Suez Pact

According to 'Al Misri', the frontier between Egypt and Israel has been opened for the first time since 1948 as a result of an aviation agreement concluded between Israel and the United Kingdom. The report alleged that the agreement provides for mutual landing facilities for RAF aircraft stationed in the Canal Zone and Israel aircraft based on Lydda. A Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Jerusalem yesterday that he had no knowledge of such an agreement.

The paper further claimed that each Wednesday 20 RAF airplanes will now fly into Lydda Airport with RAF personnel on leave. Instructions have been issued to RAF staff not to interfere with the landing of any civilian or military Israel airplane.

EGYPT BARS FOREIGN JEWS FROM RE-ENTERING

LONDON, Sunday (INA).—The "Jewish Chronicle" reports from Cairo that foreign Jews leaving Egypt will no longer be granted permits to re-enter. The ruling applies also to those only wishing to leave for a short period.

The announcement was made after a Cairo-born British subject of Jewish origin wishing to visit Cyprus had asked the authorities why he was not permitted to return.

Allowance to E-Tel Stopped by Egypt

The monthly LE.150 allowance to Colonel Abdullah e-Tel has been discontinued by the Egyptian Government, ANA reports. Ex-King Farouk granted the allowance to the former Arab Legion Commander of the Old City when the latter fled Jordan after the assassination of King Abdullah.

U.N. Urges Big 4 To Speed Austria Treaty

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday.—The General Assembly yesterday voted by 48 to zero with two abstentions to appeal to the Big Four to grant Austria freedom and independence through a State treaty. The Soviet bloc refused to take part in the vote because, in its view, the U.N. consideration of the Austrian problem was illegal.

In the Political Committee debate on the draft resolution on Thursday, Mr. Emil Najar explained Israel's support.

"Austria is well known to the people of Israel," he said. "That country gave us Theodore Herzl. After Hitler's seizure of the country, a sombre page came to be written into Austrian history. Some of our people had to flee, among them Stefan Zweig, who died tragically in Brazil. Others found their redemption in the new State of Israel.

"The Israel Government sincerely feels that the Austrian Government means to meet her obligations in regard to reparations to the victims of Nazism.

"My Delegation hopes that the Austrian people will soon be able to free themselves from the shackles of foreign occupation. It is in this spirit that my delegation will support the four-power draft."

Israel cast her vote in favour of the establishment of a special U.N. General Assembly Commission which is to examine applications for membership of the U.N. Voting was 45 in favour, and the five votes of the Soviet bloc against. There were eight abstentions.

(INA, U.P.)

U.N. Unites Ewe Tribes

UNITED NATIONS, Sunday (UP).—With France and Britain voting affirmatively, the General Assembly last night passed by 50 votes to nil a resolution urging those two countries to make new efforts to solve the problem of the Ewe tribes who inhabit French and British Togoland.

The Ewes appealed to the U.N. to find means to end the separation imposed by the fact that the Franco-British demarcation line runs through their lands.

The Assembly removed from the draft resolution a provision which urged the two powers to revise trusteeship agreements in Togoland in order to bring about unification of the Ewe peoples.

The Assembly voted yesterday to postpone until next year a debate on the dispute between the U.N. and South Africa over the territory of Southwest Africa.

Cables in Brief

LIBYA—The Arab Bank of Amman has opened a branch in Benghazi, Agent from Barclays, this is the only bank operating in Libya.

UNRWA.—The U.N. Relief and Works Agency for the Arab refugees has approved a Jordan request to be allowed to send a representative to its Advisory Council in Beirut. Syria is the only other country to have a representative.

PRINCE.—Prince Ibn El Saud Faisal Bin Abdullah, brother of the King of Saudi Arabia, left home on Saturday by plane to return home. The Prince visited France, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Netherlands and Italy.

Cuban Claims Naval Revolt Plot Foiled

HAVANA, Sunday (UP)— The former chief of the Cuban Navy, Captain Jose Agvila Rvis, and eight other naval officers were arrested yesterday and charged with fomenting an armed "Christmas uprising" by the Navy against the government.

Rear Admiral Jose Rodriguez Calderon, Naval Chief of Staff, said the government was informed of the plot by officers on active duty who had been asked to take part in the revolt. He did not say if the round-up was connected with the arrests in New York yesterday of four men found in control of a large cache of arms which police said were intended for use in a Cuban rebellion.

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Mrs. Weizmann Tells of Qualities Needed by Wife of Great Man

NEW YORK, Sunday (INA). — The qualities most needed by the wife of a great man were discussed by Mrs. Chaim Weizmann in an interview for the "New York Herald Tribune" published yesterday.

When asked if one had to submerge one's personality, the late President's widow replied, "Yes. This is most difficult to do, particularly for a woman who herself is interested in a career. But if one's husband is a great man, then he provides inspiration and it is easy."

"I have all the letters my husband wrote me during the last 50 years. He wrote in Russian but I translated them. Now I think they should be made public because they are so wonderful. But first I must remove the indiscretions, political and otherwise".

Dr. Vera Weizmann then spoke of her desire to help reorganize Israel social services, help in medical advances and to do much more for children and war-wounded.

"We need so much more of everything in Israel. But with enthusiasm and courage particularly among our young people, we are going to build a great country."

"I came here a few days ago," she said, "to help enlist support for the Weizmann Institute of Science. In its laboratories, in which my husband worked, scientists will continue to discover ways of making our barren lands productive.

"My husband used to think of the Institute as a scientific state within a state, a powerful place dedicated to the welfare not only of our own people but of the entire Middle East."

Dr. Weizmann is to sail for England on January 7 to visit her son Benjamin, her daughter-in-law and grandson, David. "And then back to Israel to continue my husband's work," she concluded.

Unemployment Last Month Up 3,000 Over October

The average daily unemployment for November was 14,230 as compared with 10,950 for October, it was announced by a Ministry of Labour spokesman yesterday.

There was an average of 1,501 jobless in the building trades, 858 in industry, 219 in transport, 816 office workers and 1,986 unskilled labourers.

A total of 6,134 were unemployed for more than 19 days of the month. During the month 36,250 needy registered at labour exchanges.

VALUABLES and household goods to the value of IL.2,000 were stolen from the flat of Mr. S. Francis of Rehov Bin Shemetsheret, Ramat Gan, on Saturday night.

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THE hopes that the Government which resigned last week would be replaced by a Cabinet representing a broad coalition of national unity may yet be realized, and the nation will cordially approve a decision brought about by a spirit of compromise on all sides, the earnest efforts of the President in consultation with party leaders and the decision of the Progressives yesterday afternoon to heed Mr. Ben Gurion's appeal and come into the fold.

THE NEW COALITION

The road is now clear for the formulation of truly national policies which may well go even beyond the lines of agreement laid down a few days ago between Mapai and the General Zionists. Not an inch of ground will be yielded on the vexed question of a national school system. However the principle of religious education will certainly find adequate expression. The Hapoel Hamizrahi have made it a vital issue; but it is not exclusively their own.

There is a very large amount of support in the coalition parties in general for steps to safeguard the binding values of Jewish tradition in the nation. However the idea that the nation be master in its own house and that only institutions and representatives of the nation adjudicate in the affairs of the people is just as dear. There is a great deal of common ground. Since the negotiations for a working compromise may now be conducted within a united Cabinet with one cohesive religious group which knows how to combine reason with orthodoxy, the barometer is set fair for a reasonably smooth passage on the education issue.

The other initial problem which the new coalition will have to resolve is the method through which the principle to abolish splinter groups is to be realized in practice. Mapai and the General Zionists who first agreed on the 10 per cent clause have now indicated their willingness to discuss modifications of the proposed rule before it is put into practice. But even discussion by a Cabinet or interparty committee is not enough. There should be a full ventilation of public opinion by debate, by discussion in the Press, by the issue being carried to public meetings and local party gatherings so that the average citizen may have a chance to express his views and develop an opinion. Democratic changes should grow out of such expressions of opinion and not be forced upon the public even by party agreements.

It is not necessary here to list all the unfavourable results which would arise out of the simple 10 per cent rule. The fate which would overtake the Arab minority under it is a glaring example. This minority would be at once denied direct representation in the Knesset and such a denial of minority rights Israel does not want and morally cannot afford. To suggest that Arabs could be put on the lists of other parties is not a real solution, for the election of an Arab deputy would then depend, not on the choice of his own people, but on that of party leadership.

Various reasonable schemes of reform are being canvassed and some have already appeared in articles on this page while others are put forward this morning in an adjacent column. Some measure of constituency representation, with a preferential vote within the constituency would ensure maximum fairness in electing deputies and would at the same time take care of minority rights. Thus, for example, an Arab — or Arabs — would certainly be elected for Nazareth, a representative of the Agudah or some other rightwing orthodox faction would be named in Jerusalem, but the system would still not leave unallocated splinter votes to be gathered up into nation-wide aggregations to form a splinter party. The new proposal of the Prime Minister on this issue suggests that a decision be postponed to give time for reflection and consultation, which is the way of common sense. In the meantime the good wishes of the whole nation will be with their chosen leaders as they set out today on the thorny task of putting the economy and policy of State out of its present difficulties and bringing in an era of stable and wise government.

'Mail' Buys 'Graph'

LONDON, December 21 (by mail).—Lord Kemsley today sold his London tabloid "The Daily Graphic" to his rival Lord Rothermere, owner of "The Daily Mail." Fleet Street is speculating as to whether the 750,000 circulation "Graphic" will be fused by Lord Rothermere to challenge the immensely popular (4,500,000 circulation) pro-Conservative "Daily Mirror."

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE ENDS WITH HOPES OF DOLLAR SOLUTION

Sterling Area's New Approach to U.S.

By SUSAN STRANGE

LONDON. — THE great weight of opinion here on the recently concluded Commonwealth Conference is that it was a remarkable success, as far as it attempted to go.

All the months of preparation, all the mountains of statistics and working documents accumulated by anonymous officials, it is fairly generally agreed, have not been wasted.

This favourable reception is slightly surprising. After several recent Commonwealth meetings, there has been an undercurrent of dissatisfaction, seldom very openly expressed, at the vague wording of the final communiques, whose polite and ponderous platitudes often seemed to conceal real disagreements for the sake of an outward show of unanimity.

This time there has been no such feeling in London. Indeed, it is hard to remember any other Commonwealth meeting since the war — except the Colombo Conference of 1950 — that has had so genuine a welcome.

This is no accident, for the two meetings have had a lot in common. Both have heartened public opinion here with the rare spectacle of political leaders raising their eyes from the myopic study of immediate party tactics to the more statesmanlike study of long-term problems and policies. In the first instance, it was the economic and political future of South-East Asia; in the second, it was the even wider question of the future of the Sterling Area dollar balance. Both meetings produced, after careful study, an important and courageous resolution — and with both, the resolution has been one to be judged only by the practical efforts and sacrifices afterwards made to fulfil it. Lastly, both conferences have been largely preparatory, in the sense that they have laid the foundation for a subsequent approach to the United States.

Queen Elizabeth gave the first big dinner party of her reign when, at Buckingham Palace, she entertained the Commonwealth Prime Ministers and their wives to dinner. She is seen here, in the throne room with (left to right) the Hon. D. S. Senanayake (Ceylon), Sir Godfrey Huggins (Rhodesia), the Rt. Hon. S. G. Holland (New Zealand), Mr. Winston Churchill, Rt. Hon. Robert Menzies (Australia), the Hon. M.C. Havenga (South Africa), the Hon. Khwaja Nazimuddin (Pakistan) and Mr. C.D. Deshmukh (India).

Reserves Needed

In 1950, the Colombo Plan for the economic development of South-East Asia depended, as originally conceived, on the large-scale participation of American capital. This time, the advance towards convertibility of the pound and a high, stable gold and dollar reserve for sterling — the ultimate aim accepted by the London conference — equally depend on the help and co-operation of the United States: on its help with dollar stabilization funds, to be indirectly provided through international bodies such as the International Monetary Fund, and on its co-operation in adjusting American economic policies, so that they help instead of hinder the recovery of the pound as a free and reliable medium of world commerce.

U.S. Aid

It is here that the comparison with the Colombo Conference can be most instructive for Commonwealth governments. For, after the Colombo Conference, American help was refused. A few dollars to individual governments, it is true, did eventually materialise — but not the wholehearted American participation that the Commonwealth had hoped for.

As a result, the Colombo Plan has been much less spectacular and effective than it might have been. But it has not been wholly abandoned. Thus, if during the coming year, when the Commonwealth makes its approach to the new Eisenhower administration, the Americans decide that they cannot help or cooperate, the preparation made by the recent London conference will, to some extent, have been in vain — but not entirely. For, as with Colombo, Commonwealth governments can still, if they are sufficiently determined, achieve something. And something is better than nothing.

The nature of the approach to the Americans, it is clear from the guardedness of the communique at this point, is not to be fully revealed before it has been talked over in private, first with the European Governments, and afterwards with the Americans themselves. All that is known is that it would provide for some short-term dollar loans — as distinct from dollar grants like Marshall Aid or NATO defence aid — to carry sterling over particularly bad patches; and that it would involve the United States in certain changes in economic policy with regard to tariffs, raw material buying, and investment in sterling countries.

Tory Groups

Speculation and debate will continue on the details of the proposals to be made to America. But with the exception of two small minorities, the decision to make the approach is generally approved here. The "Empire" Tories, led unofficially by Lord Beaverbrook, form one group of dissidents: they wishfully believe that sterling problems could be solved by a highly protected, discriminatory Empire bloc. The others are the "Strasbourg" Tories, who believe in a Europe-Commonwealth bloc.

Both have received something of a setback. For not only have their views been given little sympathy, but the facts and figures, and the opinions of Dominions such as Canada, India and Pakistan have shown conclusively that there would be little support in the overseas sterling countries for either scheme. There is no adequate substitute, it is agreed, for the cooperation of the dollar and sterling areas in the free world.

During the recent conference, the Commonwealth countries have, so they believe, gone a long way to make that cooperation an attractive proposition for the United States. It now remains to be seen whether the United States will think they have gone far enough. *(OPNB)*

REAL ELECTORAL REFORM (II)

Combining Voting Systems

By MOSHE BEN NATAN

EVEN under the electoral systems in force in Britain and America it is difficult for anyone outside the two major parties to secure election, but there is always hope. The independent or the minority group can concentrate on particular constituencies in which it has large numbers of supporters, and thus has the opportunity of gaining at least a voice in Parliament as a basis for further advance. Anyone who disagrees with the majority view inside his own party can at least threaten to appeal directly to the electorate, and thus ensure that his opinion is taken into account.

The system proposed in the coalition agreement between Mapai and the General Zionists, on the other hand, contains no such safety-valves. If any party fails to obtain 10 per cent of the votes, the guillotine comes down with inexorable force. A few thousand or even a few dozen votes may make all the difference between 12 seats in the Knesset (10 per cent of the total of 120) or none at all. Whether the percentage is fixed at 10 or seven or five, makes no fundamental difference the principle is the same. As for the man of independent mind, the choice before him is clear; either toe the party line—or get out of politics!

Constituency System

What, then, is the way out? Is it possible to devise a system which will provide a reasonable approximation to the four conditions set out above? The system of constituency elections has its faults, but it would be far better than the one suggested in the coalition agreement. It ensures close contact between each member and his constituents, and it provides the independent or the member of a small party with a difficult, but not impassable path to parliament.

Its great disadvantage under our conditions is that it would produce a permanent majority, as far as one can foresee, for one political party, namely Mapai, and for that reason it is hardly within the bounds of possibility that any party except Mapai will ever agree to it.

One theoretical alternative is the system of the "Single Transferable Vote." According to this method, the country is divided into large constituencies, each electing a number of members. Within each constituency the elector votes by placing the figure 1 opposite the name of his first choice, 2 for his second choice, and so forth. If a candidate receives more than his quota of "first choice" votes, the surplus is transferred in each case to the candidate for whom the elector has shown a second preference. This is probably the fairest method of voting in existence, but it has the great fault of being too complicated for the new immigrants who form such a large proportion of our electorate.

Compromise Indicated

It seems that the solution will have to be sought along the lines of a compromise between the "list" and the "constituency" system. The country might be divided into about 20 areas, each electing from five to seven members. Within each area the local branches of the parties would submit lists, as now, consisting of a number of candidates not larger than the number of seats in the constituency. Individuals with local prestige could submit their candidatures in the form of one-man lists. The seats would be allocated in proportion to the votes cast for each list.

This system would go a long way towards fulfilling all the conditions set out in the first article published yesterday. It would ensure, over the whole country, a fair approximation to a Knesset representing the division of political opinion. By preventing a small party from scraping together isolated votes from hundreds of different places to elect one or two candidates, it would encourage them to coalesce into larger groupings. At the same time, this result would follow naturally from the situation, and not from a bargain between the larger parties, the result of which can be predicted with almost mathematical precision. There would be a considerable degree of flexibility; the smaller groups could concentrate on picked constituencies in which they had a large measure of support, and, if defeated once, could live to fight another day; and there would be room for a limited number of independents.

Public Commission

At the same time, the system would ensure that by far the greater part of the seats in the Knesset would go to the large parties, thus providing a good prospect for the emergence of a stable government majority. Each member would represent a particular group of electors, and each elector with a grievance would have a choice between five or six members to whom he could apply for help.

Constitutional changes can exercise a decisive and profound influence on the development of our national life. They should not depend on negotiations between small groups of party representatives, which are ratified by the party executives as part of a "package" bargain. A public commission, consisting of legal and constitutional experts, as well as Knesset members, should be set up to go into the matter thoroughly, and then conclusions should be published in ample time to allow for full and exhaustive public discussion.

This is the second of two articles on electoral reform. The first appeared yesterday.

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Readers' Letters

DUTY ON MEDICINE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — My doctor ordered me to take calcium lactate tablets and as I had difficulty in obtaining them here I asked a relative to send me some from England.

I was shocked when I was asked to pay IL.1,900 customs duty on the small parcel of tablets which was valued at 6/—. When I complained about the matter I was told that I had the alternative of sending the tablets back to England. I wish to protest against such high duty on items which are required for health reasons.

Yours etc.,
Mrs. TERSA GRAD

Haifa, December 10.

I am a Swedish girl, 18 years old and would like to know about your people and customs. I go to high school and am interested in photography, literature and oil painting. Miss Wyran, Jakov Kahnsgatan 19, Stockholm K, Sweden.

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KEEPING POSTED

THE large room in the offices of this paper which is every year given over to the Toy Fund has lost its wonderland look, members of the staff no longer sneak in to play with the mechanical toys, and the fun is over. The aftermath consists mainly of carefully penned letters of thanks from children in various places, and it is obvious that the difficult word "ha'atsu'im" — boys — has in most cases needed a good deal of rubbing out and trying again. The letters are stilted, as such letters always are, but we are glad to

be able to say that the children's reception of the toys isn't. In one place, in fact, a little girl who managed to get hold of a pram and doll a split second before her contemporaries set up exactly the same to-do as every other spoilt child when anybody else as much as wanted to look at the thing, and when the photographer tried to exclude her from the group he was posing—she was beginning to look very cross and dishevelled—she spat at him as firmly as any over-privileged child in a Rehavia kindergarten had ever tried to.

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WE would like to note, also, that the Ma'abara at Bet Gan, whose director referred to it as "unknown to so many," was apparently unknown also to the staff of The Jerusalem POST, for it is located in Lower Galilee, and not in Northern Galilee as was stated on Friday.

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A CORRESPONDENT writes that on the evening of the President's election he went to see the film "Kim." It seems there is a point at which the old Buddhist Lama sees his first train, and exclaims "Why, this is the work of the Devil." "No," replies Kim, who had an uncommonly factual approach to things, "It is the work of the Government." Our correspondent notes that he heard a voice behind him, as sober as Kim's own, observe "And sometimes that is the same thing." Curious to see what sort of a person had produced this witticism he glanced over his shoulder, and discovered that it was Mr. Menahem Begin, who had gone to see this apotheosis of the British Raj.

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WE have often in the past studied the little handwritten paper pennants found attached to trees and telephone poles in Jerusalem, advertising lessons in no less than 13 languages, including Esperanto and Chinese, as well as "algebra and mathematics for children, boys and students," together with Bible and Talmud. This compendium of knowledge is offered by a single person, who might claim to be something of a universal genius. He can apparently even make a living, we decided, as the advertisements have been appearing steadily, always in the same stringy handwriting, for the past 14 years.

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AN acquaintance just returned from London has been telling us of the misadventure of what is likely to become known as the Great Fog. For four days the city was smothered in a dense black almost liquid mess of fog estimated to have deposited about 5,000 tons of soot. Houses and statues now look several shades darker, clothes, furniture and books are black and greasy. By the time one could see again properly, women stormed the beauty-parlours because they found the stuff would not wash off their faces and hair properly. The authorities are a good deal worried, as endless trouble has been taken for years to prevent the scattering of smoke and soot over Greater London. Trains have been electrified on the last twenty miles

of their journey into the city, gas and electric fires have taken the place of coal-burning grates to a large extent, and factories must swallow their own smoke or go elsewhere. As a result London's speciality, the old-fashioned pea-green fog, has been almost unknown for years, and it is considered somewhat unsporting of the soot to have saved itself up in this fashion and come down all at once. The only people who benefited on this occasion were thieves, who are reputed to have made their best haul for a dozen years during the four-day black-out.

Today's contributors include E. Langberg and CPD, both of Jerusalem, and H. T., of Ramat Gan.

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1950				1950		
	Profit transferred from:			£	United Kingdom Taxation .. (amount set aside)	£
£ 89,962	Fire Insurance Account ..	£ 66,283				
44,320	Accident Insurance Account	39,344				
1,600	Marine Insurance Account	5,227	£ 110,828	£		£
138,082						
	Interest and Dividends (less U.K. Taxation)		22,155		Proposed Dividend for year 1951 (less Income Tax)	17,663
28,047						
£ 140,129			£ 132,978			
	Balance at the beginning of the year	£497,200				
371,446	Add Adjustment of Income Tax on Dividend 1950 ..	822	497,722	497,200	Balance carried forward	494,378
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£ 511,575			£ 630,700	£ 511,575		£ 576,720

BALANCE SHEET AS AT DECEMBER 31, 1951.

1950	Liabilities			1950	Assets		
	Capital: — Authorised: 200,000 Shares of £5 each,	£000,000			Investments (at or below cost less reserve):		
	Subscribed: 100,000 Shares of £5 each,	£000,000		£ 48,800	Loans	£ 30,000	
	Paid up:			1,340,769	Other Securities	1,340,921	
£ 100,000	£1 per Share on 100,000 Shares		100,000	36,177	Leasehold Property	30,000	
125,000	General Reserve		125,000				£1,400,443
437,200	Profit and Loss Account		494,376		Current Assets: —		
488,223	Insurance Funds		502,300	37,691	Agents' Balances	78,749	
	Claims admitted or intimated but not paid		249,184	10,376	Interest and Dividends accrued	16,349	
208,827				30,130	Amounts due by holding Company and fellow Subsidiaries	43,920	
	Sundry Balances including provisions and reserves		181,617	13,341	Balance of Reinsurance Accounts ..	10,981	
150,817				—	Cash in hand, with Banks and on deposit	33,911	
—	Amounts due to fellow Subsidiaries ..		25,236	72,000			
12,375	Proposed Dividend		17,663				
£1,800,392			£1,670,726	£1,800,392			£1,670,726

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ISRAEL PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

Credit		Debit	
Profit transferred from Fire, Accident, Burglary and Miscellaneous Insurances	IL.3,782,827	General Expenses: Israel Office .. .. .. IL. 269,400; Head Office 2,633,000	IL.3,902,400
Balance — Loss for the Year	1,099,713	Income Tax and Company Profits Tax paid	1,981,000
	IL.4,882,400		IL.4,882,400

Tel Aviv, October 31, 1952. (Sgd.) KESSELMAN & KESSELMAN, Certified Accountants, Auditors

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